AN
Impartial ACCOUNT
Of all the
Material Tranſactions
OF THE
GRAND FLEET
AND
LAND FORCES

From their firſt ſetting out from *Spithead*, *June* the 29. till his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*'s Arrival at *Deal*, *November* the 7th. 1702.

In which is included a particular Relation of the Expedition at CADIZ, and the Glorious Victory at VIGO.

By an Officer that was preſent in thoſe Actions.

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FRiday *June* the 19th, 1702. We weighed from *Spithead*, and came to an Anchor at St. *Hellens*; His Grace the Duke of *Ormond* being on Board Her Majesty's Ship the *Ranelaugh*, Captain *Fitzpatrick* Commander.

Monday the 22d. Admiral *Fairborne* Sailed thence with 16 Men of War and 2 Fire-ships; together with a Squadron of the *Dutch*, in all 30 Sail, towards *Portugal*.

Tuesday the 23d, The Generals, Officers, Horses and the Dragoons were ship'd off at *Cows* in the Isle of *Wight*, and the Artillery Horses at *Portsmouth*; also the Prince *Hesse Darmstad* sailed hence in the *Adventure* for *Lisbon*.

Thursday the 25th. Admiral *Munden* came in with 8 of Her Majesty's Ships from Cruising before the *Groyne*.

Wednesday July 1. In the Morning our Admiral made a Signal to unmoor, and at 7 in the Evening, he hal'd home his Main-top-sail sheets, and fired a Gun for the Fleet to weigh. The Wind at N. E. a small Breeze.

We had nothing extraordinary till *Sunday, June* the 5th. When at 6 in the Afternoon, 5 Sail came out of *Plymouth* Sound and joyn'd our Fleet, (which then amounted to 160 Sail. They had on Board them Collonel *Seymour*'s Regiment; also 5 Companies of Collonel *Villars*'s, which are to join the *Fuzileers*.

On the 7th, the Winds being against us, at 8 in the Morning, our Admiral made his Signal to bear away for *Torbay*; at 10 we run 5 Leagues N. E. by N. the Wind at W. N. W. and by 12 the Bolt bore N. E. at 2 Leagues and half distant, the Wind then at W. S. W.

Tuesday about 5 in the Evening, we came to an An-

chor in *Torbay*, with our beſt Bower in 9 Fathom depth, and rid ſingle during our ſtay: Our Fleet got on board freſh Water, and repair'd what dammage they ſuſtain'd before they came in; alſo the Horſe-Ships were better provided for ſecurity of the Horſes.

On *Sunday*, *July* the 12th, Collonel *Brown* died; at 4 this Morning the Wind veering to the E. N. E. eaſie Gales; our Admiral made a Signal to weigh, which he with the whole Fleet did, in order to proceed on our Voyage, and we were under Sail by 5, the Wind then at N. E. by E.

On *Thurſday* the 16th of *July*, at 5 in the Morning, a Fleet of Tranſports, with their Convoy from the Eaſtward, join'd us; they were 22 in Number, which made of us 182 Sail.

On the 17th in the Morning a Court-Martial was held on board us, on the Account of one Lieutenant *Harris*, (of Collonel *Fox*'s Regiment) for Mutiny, *&c.* of which he was found guilty, and received Sentence accordingly.

On the 18th, My Lord Duke ſent a Warrant to the Keeper of *Dartmouth* Gaol, for the ſecuring of Captain *Newey*, till Her Majeſty's Pleaſure was known, by one of Her Secretaries of State; he being committed the 16th by his Grace's Order, for ſcandalous Words againſt the Government and his Grace. Alſo his Grace went aſhoar, and reveiw'd the Officers with the reſt belonging to the Train.

And about 4 in the Evening, Her Majeſty's Ship the *Chatham*, Anchored here, with 18 Merchant Ships under her Convoy from the Weſtward, and ſailed this Morning to the Eaſtward.

And this day Mr. *Methwin* her Majeſty's Envoy, ſail'd hence in the *Laſtaff* for *Lisbon*.

On the 19th alſo, at half an Hour paſt 7, the *Pembroke* ſail'd hence for *Jerſey*.

And the 20th in the Morning, 2 Deſerters belonging

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to the Lord *Donegal*'s Regiment, were taken ſome Miles from the ſhoar, and brought on Board us, from whence they were ſent into Cuſtody of the Provoſt Marſhall.

Tueſday 21. Yeſterday his Grace went a ſhoar and try'd a Mortar, out of which ſeveral Bombs were thrown by the Major of the Bombardeers.

Laſt Night the *Newfoundland* Fleet, being 18 Sail, came to an Anchor in the *Offing*; and this Morning they ſail'd with their Convoy to the Weſtward; alſo at half an Hour paſt 9 laſt Night, we had a Signal to weigh, and by 10 were under Sail, and in the Morning being but little Wind, and the Tide of Flood being made, we Anchored in 18 Fathom Water, and the *Start* bearing S. W. by W. and *Berry-head* N. by E.

Thurſday the 23d, about 2 in the Afternoon, the *Pembroke* returned to our Fleet again; but Her Majeſty's Ships the *Norwich* and *York*, with 7 Sail more under their Convoy, for the *Weſt Indies*, having left our Fleet; we now conſiſt of but 173 Sail.

On Sunday the 26th, Our Admiral made a Signal for the *Weſt India* Fleet to keep their Courſe, they being the ſame Ships that left us the 23d Inſtant, but fell into our Company, e'er we took our departure; alſo this Morning our Cruiſers ſaw two *French* Privateers, to whom they gave chaſe, but they taking to their Oars made their Eſcape.

From 6 till 8 in the Evening, we lay By for the Sternmoſt Ships to come up with us, (we coming up E. S. E.) and *June* the 27th in the Morning, the *Lime* Frigat, took a *Spaniſh* Merchant Man, Laden with Oyl, and Whalebone, from *Greenland*, ſhe had on board 70 hands, and 16 Guns; at Noon we found our ſelves, in the Latitude of 46 degrees, 50 Minutes.

On the 28, the *Flamborough* Frigat, brought into our Fleet, a *French* Prize, laden with Sugar and Indigo from *Martinico*.

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On the 29th, we were in the Latitude of 44 Degrees, 20 Minutes, and judged we were about 25 Leagues from *Cape Finiſter*.

On the 30th, At half an hour paſt 5 this Morning, we had the Iſle *Sezarca*, E. ½ N. and Cape *Corunna*, S. of us, and at 8, *Cape Finiſter* in *Galicia*.

July 31, This Morning, our Admiral made a Signal for all the Cruiſers to come in, alſo ſeveral private Signals for other Ships. Alſo about 11, the *Barfleur* made a Signal, and fired a Gun, being in diſtreſs.

Auguſt the 2d, At Noon, *Cape Finiſter*, bore S. E. by E. and *Cape Corunna*, E. S. E. having lain by, from 9 this Morning, till 12 coming up, N. E. and off E. by N. and the Land we ſaw was very high; and this Morning, our Admiral hoiſted the Standard, at the Mizzen Top-maſt Head, and fired a Gun, which was a Signal for all the Flag-Officers in the Fleet, to come on board him.

On *Monday*, *Auguſt* the 3d, In the Morning the *Lime* Frigat, (whom our Admiral ſent on *Fryday* morning to the *Groyn*, to obſerve if Admiral *Fairborne*, with his Squadron was there), Returned with Advice, that he was not, nor any of the *French* Fleet, on which our Admiral hoiſted the Standard, and made a Signal, for all the Flagg, and Land General Officers, to come on board him, in Conſultation; at which, the *Dutch*, were for our continuing in this Station, for Admiral *Fairborne* to join us here, but in concluſion, they agreed to the Opinion of the *Engliſh*, wich was to bear away toward *Lisbon*, in order to meet him, &c. On which our Admiral, about Noon, fired a Gun, and made his Signal accordingly.

Alſo the 6 Pilots, which were taken on board the Fleet, at *Falmouth*, were ſent for on board the Flagg,

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and on ſhoar, we obſerved a great Smoak on the Mountains, wich we judged to be the *Spaniards* Signal, to Allarum the Country, at the approach of our Fleet on their Coaſt.

Tueſday the 4th, Yeſterday at One we bore away, and about 2 the *Plymouth* came into our Fleet, and informed us, that he ſuppoſed Admiral *Fairborne*, (with his Squadron) to be S. W. about 9 Leagues from us. He alſo told us, that Captain *Norris*, in her Majeſty's Ship the *Orford*, had taken 3 *French* Prizes and the *Dutch* 2.

On the 7th. In the Morning, our Admiral made his Signal, for all the Cruizers to come in, and he ſent the *Lime* Frigat, and his Grace the Duke of *Ormond*, the *Iſabella* Yatch, to *Lisbon*, in order to bring us Advice from thence, &c.

Auguſt the 8th, At 6 this Morning, the *Orford* came into our Fleet, from Admiral *Fairborne*; and about Noon, Admiral *Fairborne* with his Squadron joined us, and ſoon after we made the Rock of *Lisbon*, it being very high Land, at which time our Admiral made his Signal, and ſent away the *Kent*, and *Pembroke* Frigats, towards *Lisbon*, our Fleet now conſiſting of 203 Sail.

Auguſt the 9th, The *Kent*, and *Pembroke*, Returned from *Caſcais*.

Monday the 10th, Laſt Night we ſaw Land, and at the ſame time obſerved, that the *Portugueſes* had ſet Beacons on fire, (to Allarum their Country), at the Approach of our Fleet, on their Coaſt; alſo our Cruiſers gave Chaſe, to 2 *French* Privateers, ſeveral Guns being diſcharged, but Night coming on, they made their Eſcape.

This Day the *Adventure*, *Laſtaff*, and *Lime*, joined us again, on board the firſt of which was the Prince of *Heſſe Darmſtadt*, in the *Laſtaff* Mr. *Methwin*'s Son. The *Lime* informed us, that ſhe had left the *I-*

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abella Yatch, who was gone up the River to *Lisbon*, from thence we expect Advice by her.

This day the *Triumph*'s-boat coming on board us, informed that their Ship had took up a Pipe of *French* Brandy, floating in the Sea, (it being barnacled) and that several of their Squadron had done the same.

Tuesday the 11th, This Morning, our Admiral put abroad the Standard &c. as a Signal, for all the Flagg, and Land General Officers, to come on board him, to a Council of War.

Wednesday the 12th, Last Night, a Detachment of Granadiers, were put on board 2 or 3 of our Frigats, to be set on shoar, near *Rota*, on a Discovery, &c. and we have on board several Printed Declarations, in *Spanish*, signed by my Lord Duke, in behalf of the Emperour, which are to be dispersed about the Countries.

This Morning, our Cruisers, brought into the Fleet, 3 Tartans, wich they had taken; also our Yatcht Returned from *Lisbon*, with Advice, that there were in that Harbour, 6 *French* Men of War, and 4 Gallies, who asked the Governor leave, to sink her Majesty's Ships *Adventure*, and *Lastaff*; but were Answered, that as we were not their Enemies, they were obliged to Protect us, being under their Cannon. At the approach of our Fleet, they fired 2 Guns from each Fort, to give Notice to the Court; also this Morning, our Admiral made his Signal, to draw up in a Line of Battel.

After this, we steered away for *Cadiz*, by Noon this day we had *Cadiz* E. ½ N. about 6 Leagues distant.

Thursday the 13th, Yesterday about 5 Afternoon, our Fleet Anchored in the Bay of *Bulls*, in 21 Fathom Water, about 2 Leagues from *Cadiz*, *Rota* bearing N. by E. and *Cadiz* E. N. E. At the same time we saw the *Granadoos*, Wind from the W. N. W. to the N. E. with pleasant Weather.

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here was in the Bay, at an Anchor, a *Genoeſe* Ship, whoſe Commander came on Board us; alſo my Lord Duke examined the Maſters of the Tartans. At three this Morning we ſent to *Reconatre*, obſerving their Fortifications, and depths along their Coaſt; and the Detachment of Granadiers return'd again without any diſcovery; for there being little Wind, the Ships could not get near the Shore: The Gariſon fired ſeveral Guns at the Yatch, *&c.* whom we ſent to *Reconatre.*

Laſt Night three of the *Triumph*'s Boat's-Crew were kill'd, and three wounded, by a *Spaniſh* Boat, whom they attempted to Board. This Morning our Admiral call'd a General Council of War. The ſame Day His Grace's Pardon was ſent for Lieutenant *Harris*, who lay under Sentence of Death. Alſo that the two Deſerters, of the Earl of *Donegal*'s Regiment, ſhould be no farther Proſecuted. And about three to Day a Boat was ſent to the Gariſon, from the Admiral, with a Flag of Truce, and ſome Declarations, *&c.*

Friday the 14*th*, Theſe laſt 24 Hours we have had moderate Gales, at W. N. W. at five laſt Night our Fleet weigh'd and came to an Anchor in ten Fathom Water; *Rota* bearing N. by E. and *St. Sebaſtian* S. E. ½ S. about three Miles off Shore. Yeſterday our Admiral made a Signal for a General Council of War. And this Morning a Signal for the Flag Officers only.

Saturday 15. The Forces began to Land.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DESCENT.

THat the ſeveral Companies of Granadiers do Rendezvous in the Boats that ſhall be appointed for them at break of Day, to Morrow the 15*th* of *Auguſt*, at the head of the *Ranelagh*, where they ſhall receive farther Orders from Brigadier *Palandt*, and the Lord *Donegal*, who are appointed to command them.

That the Granadiers are to be ſuſtained by the Guards, *Bellaſis*, *Seymour*, *Churchil*, and *Forcy*'s Regiments, who are commanded by Sir *Henry Bellaſis*, Lord *Portmore*, Baron *Spar*, and Brigadier *Matthews*.

That the Maſters of the Tranſports give two full Days Proviſion of Bread, Cheeſe, and Beer for each Man.

That a Chirurgeon, with Medicines, be taken with each Battalion.

That an Officer of the Artillery be at the Rear of each Regiment, with twenty *Chevaux de Frize*, where the Quarter-Maſter of that Regiment muſt be ready to receive them, and the ſame for the Granadiers.

That no Drum beat, or Colours fly, but in the Boat of that General Officer that commands the Line; and when his Drum beats, the Line muſt row, when it ceaſes, lie upon their Oars.

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That no Soldier Fire upon pain of Death, while he is in the Boat, nor unſhoulder his Muſquet, when Landed, till Commanded.

That no Soldier, when Landed, ſhall ſtir out of his Rank upon pain of Death.

That the firſt Line ſhall be at the head of the *Ranelagh*, at fartheſt, by break of Day.

And, That ſo ſoon as the ſecond Line, conſiſting of the Regiments of *Columbine*, *Hara*, *Earl*, *Hamilton*, *Fox*, and two Battalions of *Swansbelt*, are in the Boats, to Parade immediately at the *Iſabella* Yatch, which ſhall be at the head of all the Tranſports next the Shore, and there to receive the Orders of Sir *Cha. Hara*, and Brigadier *Hamilton*.

That the third Line, conſiſting of the Regiments of the Lord *Donegal*, *Charlemont*, *Shannon*, and two Battalions of St. *Amand's*; and the Pioneers ſhall Parade at the ſame place, and there receive Orders of Brigadier *Lloyd*, in the abſence of Brigadier *Seymour*.

At our Arrival before *Cadiz*, when the Flag of Truce was ſent, His Grace writ a Letter to the Governour, who return'd a Civil Anſwer, ſignifying, that he was much oblig'd to His Grace for his good Opinion of him, and his Services in *Flanders*, and hoped he ſhould do nothing to forfeit the ſame, nor the King his Maſter's Pleaſure, *&c.*

On *Saturday* the 15*th* of *Auguſt* the diſpoſition for Landing being agreed on, 1200 Granadiers were order'd to Land firſt; ſo about four in the Morning all the Boats of the Fleet were employed to take them in and the reſt of the Forces, which then Rendezvous'd together in the Boats near the Shore, and were placed in order by His Grace, who was then in his Barge on

the Right, with the *Engliſh* Flag; and Baron *Sparr* in his on the Left, with the Emperor's: They led the Van, and Landed in the Bay of *Bulls*, between *Rota* and St. *Catharines* Fort in *Andalouſia*, but with much difficulty, through the Wind's blowing freſh, which caus'd ſo great a Swell of the Sea, and Surfe on the Shore, that about thirty Boats were over-ſet and loſt, and ſeveral Men drown'd, many of the Infantry being oblig'd to ſwim on Shore, and others to wade up to the Neck, *&c.* And no ſooner were about eighty of our Granadiers (Commanded by Collonel *Pierce*) Landed, but they were briskly charged, with Sword in hand, by a General Officer, at the head of a Troop of *Spaniſh* Horſe, who were ſo warmly entertain'd by our Men, that they ſoon retreated, leaving their General, with five Troopers, dead on the place, with ſeveral Horſes, beſides a Captain and a Cornet, which were wounded and taken Priſoners, with their Horſes; and on our ſide, we had only one Man wounded.

They had, near the Water-ſide, a Battery of four Guns, from which they fired with little ſucceſs; ſo at our approach they quitted their Poſt, diſmounting the Guns, and nailing them up; but from Fort *St. Catharines* they Cannonaded us all the time of our Landing, tho' kill'd no more than two of our Men, and wounded three others; and during which time, two of our Frigats kept firing at the Fort.

In the Evening we march'd towards *Rota*, and lay all Night on our Arms, (*as did his Grace on the Ground*) about two Miles ſhort of the Town, and the next day we continued our march towards it, and were met (near the place) by the chief Officer, and ſome others who came to Surrender it; ſo 100 Granadiers were ſent to take poſſeſſion of the ſame, and his Grace took his

his Quarters in the Caſtle; and the Army encamp'd before the Town till *Thurſday* the 20*th*, (at which time the Dragoons and Train-Horſes, with four Field-pieces, two battering Pieces, four Mortars, and Ammunition, &c. being landed) i'th' Evening we decamp'd and march'd towards *Port* St. *Mary's*, till about eleven in the Night a Party of *Spaniſh* Horſe who lay in Ambuſcade, at a Paſs, fired briskly on our advanc'd Guard, but without doing us any damage, except killing Collonel *Gore's* Horſe under him. So our Granadiers advancing they quitted their Poſt, and we lay on our Arms, at the Paſs, till the Morning, and then march'd forward, where we diſcovered ſeveral Squadrons of Horſe, computing them in all to be about 600 Men, who once drew up, and we expected would have engaged us; but as we advanc'd, they ſtill retreated, and at laſt march'd off into the Country, but we continued our march in very good order to *Port* St. *Mary's*, where we look'd for an Oppoſition, but found the major part of the Inhabitants had left the place: but about 200 Soldiers betook themſelves to a ſtrong Houſe, and ſtood to their Arms till we drew up, deſigning to ſet fire to it, and burn them all, or give no Quarter; which they perceiving ſurrender'd, and became priſoners at Diſcretion; and ſome others who endeavour'd to eſcape over the River in Boats, were ſhot in landing. Yet before we left *Rota*, his Grace ſent a Letter to the Governor of this place, whoſe Anſwer was rude, it being unſeal'd, and no name Subſcribed, but in theſe Words, "That "We *Spaniards* neither change our Religion or King. Likewiſe his Grace's Declaration as to his coming, as alſo that of the Prince of *Heſs*, had been ſent to *Cadiz*, and alſo diſtributed elſewhere.

The 22*d* we ſent a Detachment to St. *Catharines* Fort, which refuſed to ſurrender, and fired at us, tho' only wounded one Man; on which they had word ſent them, That if they would not quit the Place (on Terms) not only the Governor ſhould be hang'd, but all his Men muſt expect no Quarter! To which he anſwer'd, "That if he muſt be Hang'd 'twas all one to him, whether by the D. of *O.* or the Governor of *Cadiz*, whom he was under, and ſo deſired leave to ſend thither, to know his pleaſure, which was refuſed him: ſo finding 'twas impoſſible to withſtand our Force, he with 40 more ſurrender'd, and were made Priſoners of War.

At our firſt coming hither that Night, only four Regiments encamp'd without the Town. The next Day they march'd into Quarters, kept ſtrong Out-Guards, and Patroling; but the Enemy increaſing, and oft drawing up between us and *Xeres*, our Army march'd out of Town the 25*th*, and encamp'd at St. *Victoria*, where his Grace took his Quarters in a Cloyſter, and the 26*th* he had his Declaration read by the Provoſt Martial, through the Town, and at the head of every Regiment, that no Man ſhould plunder upon pain of Death. The Provoſt having with him a Detachment both of Foot and Dragoons, to ſee this Order put in execution; we having had private intelligence that they had in *Cadiz* a Gariſon, of regular Forces, between 5 and 6000 Men of Horſe and Foot; on the 28*th* 'twas agreed to ſend Baron *Sparr* with a Detachment of 2400 Men over the Water, on the Main, againſt the *Matagorda*; and the next day his Grace went to view the ſaid Forces, and how encamp'd, which was about half a Mile from the Fort.

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The 2*d* of *Sept.* another Detachment of 800 Men was ſent to Baron *Sparr*, and the ſame day his Grace went to view the *Matagorda*, againſt which our Engineers having rais'd a Battery of 4 Pieces, began to fire on the Fort, from which alſo with the Galleys and Shipping, they kept continual firing, with above a hundred Cannon, on our Trenches, which were two Foot deep in Mud and Water; likewiſe the Ground was ſo low, and on a Moraſs, that our Battery ſunk by our firing, on which the Engineers Sign'd, that they could do no good there; and during our ſtay there, we had but 32 Men kill'd, and 33 wounded.

The 5*th* a Party of *Spaniſh* Horſe attack'd a ſmall Party of our Dragoons, who ſo behaved themſelves, that they put the Enemy to flight, having wounded and taken an Officer and two Men with their Horſes; and on our ſide we had a Cornet kill'd, and a Lieutenant taken, *whom they afterwards cut to pieces*, alſo one of our private Men was kill'd.

The ſame day our Artillery was ſhipp'd off thence to put on board the Fleet, ſo the 6*th* Baron *Sparr* with his Detachment, return'd to St. *Victoria*, having firſt ſet fire to the Magazin at *Port-Royal*: There were between the *Puntal* and *Matagorda*, three Galleons ſunk, to hinder our Paſſage into their Harbour, in which were ſeveral Gallions, with three *French-Men* of War, and eight Gallies, and four *Spaniſh* Men of War: During our ſtay at Port St. *Mary*'s, we were oft allarm'd by our Enemy, from whom we took many Priſoners, ſome of which we exchang'd for ſome they had taken from us, and the reſt at length we diſcharged; but for Deſerters we loſt ſeveral, though we had but three come to us, two being *Iriſh*, and the other a *Neapolitan*: Their Army daily increaſed, and had 1000 regular

gular Foot joyn'd them from *Ceuta*, and the *Alcayde* ſent his Embaſſador to us, from *Tangier* on matters of Importance; and at our departure from Port St. *Maries*, we ſet fire to a Ship which lay in the Harbour, and alſo to all the ſmall Veſſels there. At this place Mr. *Fackenhooſe*, his Grace's Gentleman of the Horſe dyed.

Saturday the 12*th* of *September* we ſtruck our Tents, and lay at our Arms all Night, and in the Evening the Enemy drew up, as if they would attack us; yet only threw ſeveral ſhot at us, two of which wounded, one the Lord *Shannon*'s Lieutenant Collonel, and the other Captain *Daveniſh*.

Sunday the 13*th* early in the Morning our Army began their march from *Victoria* towards *Rota*, our Enemy firing many ſmall Shot amongſt us, but to no effect; and tho' they had about 1200 Horſe beſides Foot, they durſt not fall on us, yet kept us Company all the way, oft ſeeming as if they would, but the diſpoſition made by his Grace was ſo good, that it ſtruck a Terrour into them. About ten a Clock as we march'd, a Signal was given, by which St. *Catherine's* Fort was blown up, and entirely demoliſhed. In it were 30 Guns, but the Braſs ones we had taken away, and ſpik'd up the others, *&c.* and about four *poſt Merid.* after a reſolute march, his Grace with the Army arrived at *Rota*, without the loſs of a Man, though many tir'd, and fainted by the way, which were carryed off in Boats, which attended us. Marching along the *Strand* at *Rota*, we found Collonel *Newton*, whom his Grace had left with 300 Men to ſecure that place for our Retreat. He had very well Baracadoed the Avenues, yet was often allarm'd by the Enemy.

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The 14th and 15th, Was ſpent in Shipping off our Forces. *&c.*

The 16th, Orders were given over Night, That the Boats from the Fleet ſhould Rendezvous at *Rota* by Break of Day, which was the time of Flood, to take on Board the remainder of the Army, and that the youngeſt Regiment ſhould march firſt, and that the Rear-Guard, ſhould be compoſed of the *Engliſh* Grenadiers, Commanded by Colonel *Fox*, Lieutenant-Colonel *Pierce*, and Major *Negus*: That the Company of Grenadiers of the Guards, that were poſted at the Windmill, ſhould cloſe the Rear, and as they marched, make good the Barriers, and ſet fire to all the combuſtible Stuff they ſhould find, on purpoſe to cover their Retreat, which was done accordingly; and towards Noon, the Army being near Embark'd, Orders were ſent to Colonel *Fox*, to form the Rear-Guard and march, which was ſoon done; but after halting a little while in the Street for Colonel *Pierce*, who was poſted juſt without the Town; they then continued their march, till they came to the Market-place, where they were forc'd to ſtay about an Hour, till the reſt of the Troops were aboard, to make room for the Rear-Guard to make forward.

During this Halt, Colonel *Fox* had notice ſent him, that the *Spaniards* were forcing through the Barrier at St. *Lucar*'s Port; which Colonel *Rook* (whoſe deſire it was to ſtay with the Rear Guard) perceiving, he immediately got leave of Baron *Sparr* to head a Party of the *Dutch* that happened not to be march'd, and to be neareſt the Port. So ſoon as they had fired, the

Enemy gave way, and juſt as Colonel *Rook* had got to the Port, he met Colonel *Peirce* with another Detachment from the Market-place to ſuſtain him; who ordered his Men to clime to the top of the Port, to clear the Street on the other ſide, which they did effectually, and made good the Barrier again, whilſt the *Dutch* march'd down to the Water-ſide to Embark, and the reſt to joyn Colonel *Fox* in the Rear.

In this Diſpute there were only five Soldiers kill'd, and as many wounded (with the Splinters of the Granadoes) on our ſide, and about ſix or ſeven *Spaniards* lay dead on the other ſide of the Port, but what more of them were kill'd, or wounded, which got into Houſes, we can't tell, for we have only ſince an account, That an Officer of Note (and much lamented amongſt them) were kill'd; this was all that happened in the Retreat, and by the good Conduct of Colonel *Fox*, who had the whole Management of the Diſpoſition made by his Grace. Several Squadrons of Horſe appear'd, but to no effect; but there were a Regiment or two of *French* Foot, with ſome *Spaniſh* Militia, which fired briskly at us all the time of our Retreat, and after we were in Boats: And after on Board, we ſent a Flag of Truce on ſhoar, with all the Priſoners which we had took, but they refuſed to receive them, ſaying, *They might keep to the* Engliſh, *as not being good Subjects to their King of* Spain.

On the 19th we ſent them to St. *Mary*'s Port, and they return'd what they had took from us.

The Alcyade of *Rota*, (who firſt met us on our March in order to Surrender the Place to us) being apprehenſive,

apprehensive, that should he continue there, he should be put to Death, for joyning with us, he desired his Grace to take him on Board, and carry him to *England*; which his Grace consented to, and also with him his Kinsman, who was our Guide from *Rota*, in our march to Port St. *Mary*'s.

Sunday, September *the* 13*th*. 1702. Our Army being decamp'd, and march'd to *Rota*, that Night we began to Embark the Artillery. And

On *Munday* the 14th, continued the same.

Tuesday the 15th. This Day was spent in Shipping off our Forces. And

Wednesday the 16th, We made an end of Embarking, having wholly quitted the Shoar.

Thursday the 17th, A Council of War was called on Board us, for all the General Land Officers, and another on Board the *Sovereign*, for the Flag Officers.

Friday the 18th, Our Admiral made a Signal to Weigh, having a fine Land Breese, but it dulling, he came to an Anchor again. The Prince of *Hesse* departed.

Saturday the 19th, We sent on shoar (with a Flag of Truce) all the *French* and *Spanish* Prisoners, which we had took (and unredeem'd) being 230; and they return'd ours, which were but 22. At seven this Morning we weigh'd Anchor again, but we had but little

Wind, and variable, *Rota* bearing N. by E. and *Cadiz* East.

On the 21ſt, our Ships Company was reduced to Water.

On the 23d, the Diſpoſition was deſigned for the *Weſt-India* Fleet, which being compleated on the 24th, our Admiral made his Signal for them to depart, there being ſix Men of War, and twelve Tranſports, Captain *Walker* in the *Burford*, being Commodore, they having on Board them four Regiments, *viz.* Major-General *Earle's*, Brigadeer *Hamilton's*, the Lord *Donegall's*, and Lord *Charlemont's*, Lieutenant-Colonel *Briſcoe* going Commander in Chief.

On the 25th, ſome of the Tranſports wanting Water, they went into *Lagos-Bay*, ſo three Men of War ſtaid to conduct them after us.

Nothing of a Publick Concern occurred, till *October* the 1ſt, when our Admiral ſent the *Flamborough* Frigat before the Fleet, with Letters for *England*, with Advice of our coming.

October the 6th, At Eight this Morning, our Admiral made a Signal for all the Flag-Officers to come on Board him; alſo another for all Cruizers to come in; at Nine we lay by, and our Admiral had advice by one of our Cruizers (Captain *Hardy*) that the *Spaniſh* Flota, and ſeveral *French* Men of War, was at *Vigo* in *Galicia*, on which he made the Signal for Flags, being reſolv'd to ſteer thither and Attack them, ſo this

Day

Day he call'd another Council of War of Flag Officers.

On the 7th, The *Dunwich* Frigat came into our Fleet from *England*, with Letters, *&c.*

On the 9th, Our Admiral made a Signal for all Cruizers to come in.

The 10th, Laſt Night our Admiral ſent in the *Kent* to bring intelligence, as he had done the *Dunwich* before, which came off this Morning with advice, That there was in *Rodendella* Harbour the *Spaniſh* Flota, with a Fleet of *French* Men of War, *&c.* on which we ſteered thither. Alſo this Morning one of Sir *Cloudſly Shovell*'s Squadron came into our Fleet, and acquainted us, That Sir *Cloudſly* was off of Cape *Finiſter*; on which he was ſent back for him to come and joyn us; one of our Ships Boats which went in, took a *Spaniſh* Boat with ſeveral Men, amongſt whom was a Prieſt.

October the 11th, In the Afternoon we came to an Anchor againſt *Vigo*, which fired ſeveral Shot at us, but with no effect? Alſo a Council of War was called on Board the Admiral, for all Flag and General Land-Officers, where 'twas agreed, to ſend in 25 Sail, but firſt to Land our Infantry, to facilitate the Ships paſſing the Boom, which was croſs their Harbour; alſo on each ſide was a Battery to defend it, and their Ships were in a Line within the ſame at *Rodendella*: So this Day about 10 in the Morning, we Landed in a Sandy Bay about 2 Leag. from *Vigo*, and march'd towards their Battery and Fort on the Starboard ſide going into *Rodendella*, which we Attack'd, and met with a vi-

gorous

gorous Oppoſition, but our Men ſo boldly preſſing forward, made themſelves Maſters of the Battery and Trenches, and the Enemy to retreat, altho' they had at leaſt 20000 in and near this place, yet durſt not engage us, becauſe they ſaw the Reſolution of our Forces. We had no ſooner took the Platform, on which were 38 Cannon, but the detach'd Ships, which were drawn up in a Line of Battel, began to ſail, Admiral *Hopſon*, with undaunted Courage, leading the Van, and forc'd the Boom with his Ship; at the ſame time the *Aſſociation*, Captain *Bucknam* laid his Broadſide againſt the Battery on the other ſide the Harbour (in which were 17 Guns) ſo that for a conſiderable time, the firing of great and ſmall Shot, on both ſides, was ſo terrible, that I want words to relate it; beſides the diſmal aſpect of many Ships on Fire, which our Enemy put in Flames and then left them. Some they Sunk, and others we Took; and our Grenadiers drawing up againſt a Fort they had of 12 Guns, and ſaluting them with their Granadoes, they ſurrender'd, and became Priſoners of War, and in it were above 200 *French* and *Spaniards*, and amongſt them ſeveral Men of Note, as the Vice-Admiral of the *French* Fleet, with ſeveral Captains of their Ships, and the Lieutenant-General of the *Spaniſh* Flota, but all the private Men were diſmiſs'd in few Days. Admiral *Hopſon*'s Ship was clapt on Board by a *French* Fireſhip, and had been burnt, had not the latter fortunately Blown up, yet the former received much damage by it, and loſt in the Action, being kill'd and drown'd, upwards of 100 Men, the other Ships loſs being inconſiderable, and our loſs on ſhoar was two Officers kill'd, and four wounded, and about 40 private Men kill'd, and as many wounded; our Enemies loſs was not inferiour

to ours; and amongst theirs, the Governour of the Fort was kill'd. This Glorious Victory was obtain'd in about 2 Hours time.

Commanders.	French.	Men.	Guns.
Ships Taken.			
Monsieur *De Beaujeu*	*Le Prompt*	500	76
De Montbeau	*Le Bourbon*	410	68
Bassie	*Le Firme*	450	74
L'Autie	*Le Modere*	300	54
D'Aligre	*L'Assure*	380	66
De Cour	*Le Triton*	250	42
Ships Burnt.			
Count *Chateau Regnault*	*Le Fort*	500	76
De Frilambeau	*Le Oristane*	380	64
Champelin	*Le Solide*	350	56
Grand Pre	*Le Prudent*	380	64
Duplesis	*Le Dauphin*	230	44
De Polignac	*L'Entreprenant*	130	24
Guarde Marine	*Les Merodes*	50	8
Delescallet	*Le Favori*, Fireship		14
Ships Sunk.			
Marquis *de Gallisonieu*	*L'Esperance*	420	70
De Montgon	*La Sirene*	380	62
Marquis *de Chateau Regnault*	*Le Superbe*	450	70
De Sorel	*La Volontaire*	250	46
18 Sail.		5810	998

Commanders

Commanders.	Spaniſh. Ships, &c.	Guns.
Don Manuel de Valaſco Gen.	*Jeſus Maria Joſeph*	70
Don Joſephus Checon Admi.	*La Buffoona*	54
Don Fernando Checon	*La Capitana de Aſſogos*	54
	Three Men of War,	178
Don Viſenti Alvarez	*Santo Chriſto de Mariacaia.*	
Don Franciſco Blanco	*Santo Chriſto de buen Viaje.*	
Don Allonzo Iparrere	*Santa Cruz.*	
Don Gozmo Antonio Montag.	*Noſtredam de Mercy.*	
Don Michael Camitee	*Santa Domingo.*	
Don Ignatio Aſconobritio	*Le Trinidad.*	
Don Franciſco Baragand	*Nueſtra Senora de Mercedes.*	
Don Anton. Gomes de Aureſia	*St. Juan de Baptiſta.*	
	Philippo Quinto.	
Don Juan Dungo	*Jalaſhe del General.*	
Don Frebuſia Bernar. de vera	*La Sacra Familia.*	
Don Alonzo Lopes	*Santa Cruz.*	
Don Martin Moguera	*Santa Suſanna.*	
	13 Galleons, with from 20 to upwards of 30 Guns each, and all burnt and ſunk, except 5 Galleons which we took.	

So

So the ſame Night we marched about three Miles farther, where we lay on our Arms all Night, tho' very wet, *&c.* and the Ships, and Galleons on Fire, ſaluted us with ſeveral Shot; when burnt down to the lower Tier, and when they blew up, 'twas (tho' diſmal) unexpreſſible fine; the next morning we march'd to *Rodendello*, from whence the Inhabitants were fled, yet great Bodies drew together on the Mountains, but finding us in ſo good a poſture to receive them, they would not attack us; alſo about this place we took many Priſoners, *&c.* but had none taken and kill'd of ours.

Friday the 16th Sir *Cloudſly Shovel*, with about 20 of her Majeſty's Ships joined us from *England*.

Saturday the 17th, His Grace, with the Land Forces under his Command, marched from *Rodendello*, and embark'd.

Sunday the 18th, This Day our Admiral made his Diſpoſition for ſailing.

Monday the 19th, This Morning Sir *George Rook*, with Vice-Admiral *Hopſon*, with 10 Sail more of her Majeſty's Ships, beſides Tenders and Tranſports, *&c.* weigh'd, with a fine Land Breeze, leaving behind Admiral *Shovel*, and Rear-Admiral *Graydon*, and *Fairborne*, with 27 Sail more of her Majeſty's Ships, beſides Fire-Ships, Bombs, and 4 Hoſpital Ships; alſo the *French* and *Spaniſh* Prizes, which when fitted, they will all depart for *England*, having firſt deſtroyed thoſe Ships, which the Enemy run aſhore and ſunk, alſo the Fort which we took on Shore at our Landing; and then bending our Courſe Homewards, we came into the Downs *Nov.* 7.

This Day about 4 *poſt Merid.* his Grace landed at *Deal*, and went to *Canterbury* that Night, *&c.* having firſt diſpatched neceſſary Orders for the diſembarking, and quartering the Forces.

A List of the Land-Officers.

His Grace the Duke of Ormond, *General.*
Sir Henry Bellasis, *Lieutenant General.*
Sir Cha: Hara, } *Major Generals.*
Lord Portmore, }
Coll. Seymour, }
Coll. Hamilton, } *Brigadiers.*
Coll. Matthews, }
Sir Thomas Smith, *Quarter-master General.*
Major Joslin, *Adjutant General.*
Mr. Lacodrea, }
Coll. Pierce, } *Aid de Camps to my Lord Duke.*
Sir Richard Vernon, }
Lieut. Coll. Soames, } *Aid de Camps to Sir* H. Bel-
Mr. Marshall, } lasis.
Lieutenant Parker, --- *to Sir* Charles Hara.
Capt. Cadole, --- *to the Lord* Portmore.

Majors of the Brigade.

Capt. Bisset *to* Seymour.
Major Whitehead *to* Hamilton.
Lt. Camperfield *to* Matthews.
Doctor Morley, *Physician General.*
Mr. Browne, *Chyrurgion General.*

Officers	520
Serjeants	316
Corporals	441
Drums and Haut-boys	303
Servants	625
Effective Men	7458
English	9663

Mr.

Mr. Thurſton, *Judge-Advocate.*
Mr. Harwar, *Chaplain to the General.*
Mr. Vickers, *Paymaſter to the Army.*
Mr. Portlock, *Secretary to the General.*
Coll. Browne, *Chief Bombarder and Engineer.*
Mr. Albert Buryard, *Major of the Train.*
Mr. Pomie, *Waggon-maſter.*
Mr. Robinſon, *Provoſt Marſhal, Gentleman of Her Majeſties Second Troop of Guards, Voluntiers:*

Mr. Tho. Laſſels,	*Mr.* Cha. Hodſell,
Mr. Armſtrong,	*Mr.* Cull,
Mr. Rigmaiden,	*Mr.* Geldart,
Mr. James Lloyd,	*Mr.* Jemmet,
Mr. Mulloy,	*Mr.* Fra. Buttler,
Mr. Follyot,	*Mr.* Fenwick,
Mr. Harcourt,	*Mr.* Peers,
Mr. Fra. Billingſly,	*Mr.* Fitzpatrick.

16, *beſides many others.*

A particular Account of the Land-Forces.

A Detachment of Collonel Loyd's *Dragoons,*	185
Ditto of the Guards,	600
Collonel Bellaſis's *Regiment,*	658
Churchil's	658
Seymour's	658
Collabine's	550
Fuſiliers, with five Companies of Collonel Villar's *added,*	633
Collonel Earl's,	550
Guſt. Hamilton's,	550
Lord Donegall's,	550
Lord Charlemont's,	550

Collonel Fox's	658
Lord Shannon's,	658
Effective Men	7458
Add Corporals,	441
Rank and File,	7899
Officers, &c. *as before,*	1764
Engliſh,	9663
Rank and File Dutch, *beſides Officers,* &c.	3924

An Account of the Fleet.

Sir George Rook, *Vice-Admiral of England,* &c, *chief Admiral, in the* Royal Sovereign, *with the Union Flag at her Main-topmaſt Head.*

Vice-Admiral Hopſon, *in the* Prince George, *with a Red Flag at her Fore-topmaſt Head.*

Rear-Admiral Fairborne, *in the St.* George, *with the White Flag at her Mizzen-topmaſt Head.*

Rear-Admiral Graydon, *in the* Triumph, *with a Blew Flag at her Mizzen-topmaſt Head.*

Alſo we had 5 Dutch *Flags,* (viz.) 2 *Admirals,* 2 *Vice-Admirals, and* 1 *Rear-Admiral.*

Line of Battel Outward bound.

Aſſociation,
Monmouth,
Eſſex,
Cambridge,
Prince George,
Barfleur,
Sterling Caſtle,
Burford,
St. George,
Expedition,
Orford,

Orford,	Chicheſter,	
Yarmouth,	Swiftſure,	
Grafton,	Kent,	
Cumberland,	Boyne,	
Lenox,	Bedford,	
Berwick,	Royal Sovereign,	
Triumph,	Ranelaugh,	
Torbay,	Plymouth,	
Pembroke,	Eagle,	
Northumberland,	Somerſet,	
	In all, Engliſh,	30
	and Dutch,	20
		50

Beſides Fireſhips, and Cruizers, Bomb-Ships, Hoſpitallers, Yatchs, Tranſports, Victuallers, and Tenders, &c.

Line of Battel before VIGO, October *the* 12th, 1702.

Mary, Grafton, Torbay, Kent, Monmouth,	*Vice Admiral* Hopſon.	Phœnix, Vultur,	Fire Ships.
Dordrecht, Seven Provinces, Veluve,	*Vice Admiral* Vandergoos.		One Fire Ship.
Berwick, Eſſex, Swiftſure,	*Rear Admiral* Fairborne	Terrible, Griffin,	Fire Ships.

Ranelagh,

Ranelagh, Somerſet, Bedford, } *Adm.* Rooke. Hawk, Hunter, } Fire Ships.

Muyda, Holland, Vine, Reygersberg, } *Admiral* Callemberg, *Baron* Waſſanaer. } One Fire Ship

Cambridge, Northumberland, Oxford, Pembrook. } *Rear Admiral* Graydon. } Lightning Fire Ship.

Gonda, Alkmaer, Catwick, } *Vice Admiral* Pieterſon. } One Fire Ship.

In all 25.

The ſmall Frigots and Bomb Veſſels to be ready to ſail up the River, ſo ſoon as the Signal is made for ſo doing.

Aſſociation, Barfleur, } *Ordered to batter the Forts on each ſide the River.*

Damage ſuſtain'd.

Torbay had her Fore-topmaſt ſhot by the Board, and moſt of her Sails burnt and ſcorch'd; the Fore-yard burnt to a Cole; the Larboard, Shrouds fore and aft, burnt at the dead Eyes; and ſeveral Ports blew off the Hinges; and her Larboard Side ſcorch'd, and had 115 Men kill'd and drowned, and 9 wounded; ſo Admiral *Hopſon* went, and hoiſted his Flag on board the *Monmouth*.

Aſſociation had her Main-maſt ſhot, and two Men kill'd.

Kent had her Fore-maſt ſhot, and Boatſwain wounded.

Barfleur

Barfleur had her Main-maſt ſhot, two Men kill'd and two wounded.
Mary had her Boultſprit ſhot.

Diſpoſition for our Landing.

The *Engliſh* and *Dutch* Granadeers to be firſt Landed, commanded by the Lord *Shannon*, Lieutenant Coll. *Peirce*, and a *Dutch* Major.

Firſt Brigade, Battalion of Guards.

Churchill, Collumbine, Fox, } *Duke of* Ormond, *Brigadier* Hamilton.

Second Brigade.

Bellaſis, Seymour, Fuzileers, Shannon, } *Lord* Portmore, *Brigadier* Lloyd.

The Dutch commanded by Baron Sparr, *Brigadier* Pallandt.

Loſt on Shoar :

Our Loſs was two Officers kill'd, and four wounded; and about 40 private Men kill'd, and as many wounded.

Line

Line of Battel, Homeward,

The Somerſet *to lead with her Starboard, and the* Aſſociation *with her Larboard Tacks on board.*

Frigats		*Men of War*	*Guns*	*Diviſion*
Loweſtaffe				
Hawk Fireſhip,		Somerſet	80	*Admiral*
Fubbs Yatch		St George	96	
Morter,	Bombs	Royal Sovereign	110	
Baſilisk,		Ranelaugh	80	
Antelope	Hoſp.	Warwick	50	
Princeſs Ann				
Iſabella Yaclit				
Sorlings		Triumph	90	*Vice Admiral of the Red.*
Jeffery,	Hoſ.	Prince George	90	
Smyrna Factor,				
Hunter Fireſhip,		Barfleur	90	
Terror,	Bombs	Aſſociation	90	
Granado,				

Left at Rodendello.

Admiral Shovel, *with Rear Admiral* Graydon, *and* Fairborne, *alſo* 27 *Sail more of her Majeſty's Ships, beſides Fireſhips, and Bombs,* &c. *with the* French *and* Spaniſh *Prizes.*

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